GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1534
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2001
VISIT OF RELIGIOUS HEAD TO CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has invited head of an Indian religious group to visit that country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to reciprocate this Chinese gesture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(b): Government is aware that the Sankaracharya of Kanchi has been invited to visit China by a non-governmental organisation- the Chinese Association for International Friendly Contact (CAIFC) in October 2001.

(c): No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.